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Dear Mr. Nagell:

Your letter of 30 July 1967 is at hand and I answer, not so much for professional reasons, as for personal ones, and because I am reluctant to terminate our "knotty association", as you correctly describe it, on terms other than amicable.

You are correct in that I might have analysed your temperament or conditioned reflexes, as it were, more precisely and impersonally and thus refrained from comment of any sort.

I had imagined that the handling of the affair in Los Angeles, correctly and in complete good faith with your wishes and instructions, would have removed some of the "maximum of suspicion" cloud from our relationship. I was aware, further, that your affairs, in so far as they had been placed in my hands, had been handled with the punctilio of integrity. This being the case, your strong letter of July 16, regarding the forwarding of your documents to your sister, seemed uncalled for and insulting and was offensively termed "presumptuous nonsense". I concede, in apology, that in your "minimum of data" position I might have reacted identically.

As to the mailing, or not, of the documents from Springfield, and as to their being typed here, whether for filing or not; the reasons are, as you pointed out, quite academic...except insofar as the former might have been related to security.

Returning now to your most recent letter of July 30, you refer to a communication sent to my associate, also dated July 16, to a conjecture cited therein, and to my never having acted operationally with that company. I have not been made aware of any such communication to an associate of mine, nor can I determine to whom you refer. At times cryptic language can become too cryptic and I confess my confusion as to that entire reference.

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Finally, a point on which you should be informed. Effective 1 September 1967, I will return to my private practice and will no longer be associated with the law firm in which you knew me. Should you wish to resume correspondence with that firm, your letters may be addressed directly to them, or, as in the past, to me at the address shown on this letterhead and I will make immediate and personal delivery.

I wish you all possible good luck and success in your future and again invite you to call on me when you are free to visit New Orleans.


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